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IMMUNE RESPONSE UTILIZING ALPHAVIRUS-BASED  
VECTOR SYSTEMS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2001 (Paper No. 13). Submitted herewith is a petition for a two-month extension of time and appropriate fee, making a response due on or before March 2, 2002. Because March 2, 2002 falls on a Saturday, a response filed by Monday, March 4, 2002 is considered timely. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.